नाम, अंतर्ग्रस्त इक्विटी निवेश, विनिर्माण/कार्यकलापों की मदों को प्रकाशित किया जाता है और इनका प्रकाशन औद्योगिक सहायता सचिवालय के मासिक सूचना-पत्र में भी किया जाता है, जिसकी प्रतियों की आपूर्ति संसद पुस्तकालय को नियमित रूप से की जाती है।

(घ) विदेशी प्रत्यक्ष निवेश का 23,514.10 करोड़ रुपये की राशि का अन्तर्वाह मार्च, 1997 तक प्राप्त हो गया है।

Gold deposits in the country

*64. SHRI SURINDER KUMAR SINGLA:
DR. SHRIKANT RAMCHANDRA JICHKAR:

Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) which are the areas and regions in our country where there are deposits of gold;

(b) what steps are being taken to explore these deposits; and

(c) when will this exploration begin?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND THE MINISTER OF MINES (SHRI BIRENDRA PRASAD BAISHYA): (a) Gold prospects have been identified in the States of Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh, Kerala, Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan and Bihar. Minor occurences of gold are also reported from the States of Tamil Nadu, Orissa, Uttar Pradesh, West Bengal and from the Siwalik belt of northern India.

(b) and (c) Geological Survey of India (GSI) is a premier organisation in the field of earth sciences engaged, inter-alia, in the exploration of gold prospects in the country. GSI undertakes geological mapping, geo-chemical and geo-physical surveys (ground and aerial), pitting-trenching, sampling and drilling to explore the gold prospects. During the current field season of October' 97 to September' 98, GSI has a programme to undertake 46 field investigations for gold. Besides, the State Directorates of Mining & Geology also undertake the exploration work for locating the gold deposits in the country. The detailed exploration for establishing the economic viability of any project is undertaken by Mineral Exploration Corporation Ltd. (MECL). Companies registered in India can also undertaken exploration of the gold deposits as per the National Mineral Policy, 1993 and Mines and Minerals (Regulation & Development) Act, 1957. Hindustan Zinc Limited (HZL), a PSU under the Ministry of Mines, have also been undertaking exploration for gold and recently this company in collaboration with Broken Hills Proprietory Minerals Inc. (BHPM) of Australia have commenced on 17th November, 1997 aerial survey for 13,500 Sq. Kms. of area in Rajasthan for locating base metals and precious metals including gold.

Prices of cars manufactured by MUL

*65. SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:
SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Maruti Udyog Limited has lost its basic purpose of producing a common man's car, and the prices of various models of Maruti-cars and other vehicles have gone far beyond the reach of the common man; and

(b) if so, the prices of different Maruti-vehicles as in vogue at present, and how far they are within the reach of the common man?

THE MINISTER OF INUDSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) and (b) Maruti Udyog Limited (MUL) became a non-Government company on 2nd June, 1992, when the share of Government of India decreased to 49.74% with the signing of the Subscription and Amendment Agreement between Government of India, Suzuki Motor Corporation, Japan and MUL.